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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2000.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) <u>6-7</u> | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Reissue Applications

1. This reissue is a divisional of reissue Application 09/653,482 which should contain the original claims 1-5. This reissue, as well as reissue 09/698,367 which is also a divisional of reissue Application 09/653482, should contain the original claims 1-5 but in brackets. Therefore, the Preliminary amendment canceling claims 1-5 is improper. Claims 1-5 should be presented in their entirety and in brackets in order to cancel these claims as requested by the Pre-amendment
2. There must be a statement at the beginning of each reissue specification cross-referencing all of the other reissues. Therefore, the parent reissue 09/653,482 must also include a statement cross-referencing the divisional applications 09/698367 and 09/740,068..
3. The original patent, or an affidavit or declaration as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before this reissue application can be allowed.

See 37 CFR 1.178.

4. It is noted that Applicants have requested transfer of drawings from the parent Application and that they have made similar requests in all the other pending reissue/divisional reissue Applications. However, the drawings will be transferred to only the parent reissue 09/653482 and hence formal drawings will be required in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 6-10 contain allowable subject matter over the prior art of record.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The present claimed invention is directed to a signal transmission apparatus.

Each of the independent claims identify the feature of an inverse fast fourier transformer operable to convert the modulated signal of the layer A into a transmission signal on a time axis in the layer A and to convert the modulated signal of the layer B into a transmission signal on a time axis in the layer B, wherein each transmission signal comprises an effective symbol signal and a guard interval signal, and a period of the guard interval signal in the layer A is larger than the period of the guard interval signal in the layer B. The closest prior art to Basile et al, Citta et al, and Hulyalkar et al disclose an apparatus for transmission and reception of television signals using multicarrier modulation, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
4. Basile et al, Citta et al, and Hulyalkar et al disclose an apparatus for transmission and reception of television signals using multicarrier modulation
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bob Chevalier whose telephone number is 703-305-4780. The examiner can normally be reached on MM-F (9:00-6:30), second Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Christensen can be reached on 703-308-9644. The fax phone

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numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-0377.

B. Chevalier
January 11, 2002

Robert Chevalier
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PRIMARY EXAMINER